

LAAPANOTES



Recital Season is Here - Are You Ready!?



Dear Students and Parents,

Recital season is here! We officially kicked things off Sunday, May 17 when 5 of our seniors performed in the 2015 Senior Recital at the LAAPA Performance Hall to a most enthusiastic audience.

Featured performers were (pictured left to right) **Kasey Lange** (with Instructor, Carolyn Russell), **Kate Gauthreaux** (with Instructor, Rebecca Posey), **Taylor Sims** (with Instructor, Kathleen Anderson), **Amber Monlezun** (with Instructor, Meredith Sharpe), and **Victoria Manguno** (with Instructor, Jennifer White).

Recital times for the Northshore, June 13 recitals have now been finalized and letters were issued during the May 30 rehearsals. If you have not yet received your assigned recital time, please check with your Instructor or just give the office a call. Recital time assignments will be issued for the River Ridge June 20 recital by June 5 (or sooner). All assigned recital times will additionally be posted on our website at <http://www.laapa.com/current-students>.

What Should I Expect at the Spring Recitals?

- Our programs begin on time Plan to arrive 15 minutes before your assigned recital time.
- When you arrive, you'll stop at the front table to get your tickets (student performers do not need a ticket).
- Students should check in with a staff member at the front left corner of the stage.
- Romaguera Photography will be taking professional quality photos at the front center stage. Just walk up to them, and they will be happy to take care of you (no reservations needed). You may additionally elect to order the recital DVD and group photo when speaking with them.

- We had so much fun with our \$100 giveaway last Spring that we'll be doing it again! Enter for a chance to win \$100 by telling us about your experience at the Academy on camera!

- We will be holding a record number of Spring Recitals this year with 5 recitals Saturday June 13 and 4 recitals on Saturday June 20. On Saturday June 13, our buffer times (times between recitals) are tighter than usual so please keep this in mind when planning to arrive. Arriving 15-20 minutes before your recital time is plenty!

- Each recital is scheduled to last approximately 2 hours and students, parents, and guests are asked to remain in the auditorium for the full duration of the program.

- As we are recording all of our programs, we do ask parents/guests to keep small children in the audience quiet - please do feel free to take them outside for a break should they need it!

How are the Awards Earned/Determined?

Each year, our Instructors are asked to nominate their students for a variety of awards based on the amount of progress and time spent in practice at home they feel students have achieved.

Every student will receive an award and should be proud of his/her individual achievements. We realize that every student is different in terms of the place for music and dance in their lives. Whether it is a big part (allowing them more time to practice and excel) or a small part (allowing them time for many different activities), they are developing the skills, love and appreciation for the performing arts which will positively translate into many areas of their future. We are proud of all of our students for their success!

See you at the recitals!
Ryan Cullen, Director

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IMPORTANT DATES:

June 13

Covington & Mandeville
Spring Concerts

June 20

River Ridge School of Music &
Dance Spring Concert

CONTACT US:



E-mail your news,
comments, etc. to us:
contact@laapa.com.

"Providing students of all ages with the education, inspiration, & motivation conducive to a lifetime appreciation for the performing arts since 1978."

REGISTER NOW FOR ALL PROGRAMS!

It's Easy to Get Started in Music
Lessons and Dance Classes this
Spring! Call us Today to
Reserve your Time.

Covington - 985.590.4545
Mandeville - 985.674.2992
River Ridge - 504.738.3050

Welcome to our new students who began lessons this May!

Aaron C.
(thanks to Adam C.)

Abigail W.
Adalyn B.
Akira G.
Alyssa W.
Amelia K.

Anna Kate B.
Ashlyn W.
Avery B.
(thanks to David C.)

Ayse B.
Bill N.
Callie D.
Carmen V.
Charlie V.

Christian M.
Christy H.
Connor F.
Courtney G.
Darrell B.

Elijah D.
Elizabeth F.
Ella U.
Emily B.
Gabriel B.

Garrett P.
Grace M.
Isabella E.
Jackson N.
Jaivik B.

Jennifer Z.
Journey J.
Julia A.
(thanks to Abbey A.)

Kaitlyn G.
Katelyn D.
Kennon R.
Kim K.
Laken W.
Liliana G.

(thanks to Olivia A.)
Luke J.
Matthias J.
Max A.

Meghan T.
Michael M.
Nathaniel N.
Neveeh V.
Nicholas S.

Nolan F.
Quentin D.
(thanks to Brandon L.)

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Student News

Mandeville School of Music voice lessons student, **Lily Foster**, (right) is playing Duffy in the Mandeville Middle School production of Annie Jr. She studies with Ms. Rebecca.



Sophia Cornibe, (left) was accepted to NOCCA for piano. Sophia takes piano lessons with Ms. Katarina at the River Ridge School of Music & Dance.

River Ridge School of Music & Dance student, **Emma Fagin**, (right) was accepted to NOCCA for Musical Theatre. Emma takes voice lessons at LAAPA with Ms. Katarina.



Third grader, **Spencer Lanosga**, participated in the 2015 USA Wrestling Folkstyle Nationals in Cedar Falls, IA.

He earned Gold representing Team Louisiana in Intermediate 120+, becoming a 2x National Champion. His win capped off an amazing season, where Spencer wrestled up an age bracket and placed third at all 5 Louisiana tournaments and 1 Georgia tournament. He is ranked on the USAW Future Olympians and is also a member of the Kids National Team for the second consecutive year. Spencer is 9 and is an honor roll student at St. Matthew the Apostle School and wrestles out of Champion Wrestling Club in River Ridge. Spencer takes piano lessons at the River Ridge School of Music & Dance with Mr. Russell.

Have News to Share? E-mail your news to studentnews@laapa.com! Connect with us on Facebook at facebook.com/laapaface

Summer Camps - Limited Openings Remain!



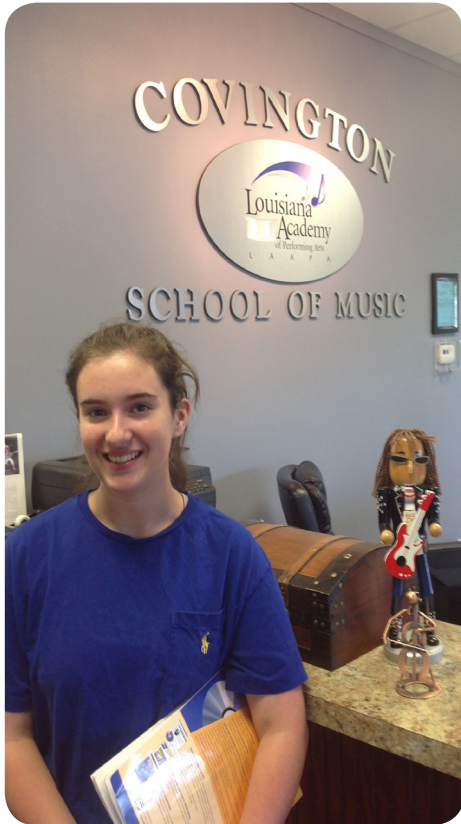
Our Summer Music Camps and Summer Dance Camps provide all campers (ages 5-16, beginning, intermediate, and advanced) with the opportunity to have fun exploring up to five of our instrumental, vocal, and performing arts programs. Campers (even those with little or no music or performing arts background) are able to take a hands on approach and see what programs and instruments interest them!

Perhaps your child has shown an interest in music, dance, piano, singing, guitar, violin, drums (just to name a few!)? Wherever his/her interest lies, we are happy to provide a formal introduction to the programs of your choice in a structured and fun environment!

Very Limited Space - only 25 campers enrolled each week.

For more information or to enroll, visit laapa.com/camp or call the office!

Student of the Month - Amanda Gordon



Covington School of Music student, **Amanda Gordon**, has taken violin, voice, and flute lessons with LAAPA. We recently had a chance to speak with her and learn a little more about her lessons and interests!

Tell us about yourself and how long you've been taking classes at LAAPA.

I've started music lessons with LAAPA in 2011 and have taken violin lessons, voice lessons, and now I'm currently taking flute lessons with Ms. Layla Sutton.

Why did you get started in Music Lessons?

Music is my primary focus, and I really want to continually improve my music skills.

What do you enjoy most about coming to lessons each week?

The teachers here are really great! Ms. Layla is very funny.

Of all the music programs that you have studied, what has been your favorite?

I've learned a great deal from and enjoyed all of the programs equally.

How would you describe your overall experience at LAAPA?

Awesome!

Student Shout Outs!

"I am very happy with Kirk's teaching style. I also like the "classroom" style setting and enjoy seeing all the students coming and going from their lessons. I feel I have learned a lot and appreciate that Kirk takes the time to make sure I understand the lessons before moving on. When I am doing well, I appreciate Kirk letting me know. I like that I don't feel "looked down upon" for not having the knowledge already (as I felt at the last place where I took lessons). Thanks again for checking in with me. Have a great day."

~ Andrea Boyd

Is Your Teacher Completely Booked? Teachers with Waiting Lists

With over 1,100 students enrolled at LAAPA, our openings remain very limited, but there are still lesson spots available for Summer, so just give us a call to check. If you need a schedule change or would like to be added to a waiting list for a particular teacher, day, or time, please contact any of our office staff team and they can add you to the waiting list. Here's just a partial list of who's currently full at all campuses:

GUITAR

- Curtis MON,WED,TH,FRI-1 spot! TH,FRI-BOOKED!
- Chris MON-2 spots!
- Bill MON,TH-1 spot! WED,FRI,SAT-BOOKED!

GUITAR/DRUM

- Josh TU,WED,TH,SAT-BOOKED!
- Ben SAT-2 spots! MON-1 spot! MON,TU,WED,TH,FRI-BOOKED!
- Kirk TU-2 spots! MON-BOOKED!
- Aaron WED -2 spots! TH-1 spot! TU-BOOKED!
- Bill MON,TH-1 spot! WED,FRI,SAT-BOOKED!

WIND/BRASS/GUITAR

- Danielle TU-BOOKED!
- Reid MON-2 spots! WED,TH-BOOKED!
- David FRI-BOOKED!
- Layla TU,FRI-1 spot! SAT- NEW SCHEDULE!
- Kaleb MON-BOOKED!

PIANO

- Russell MON,TU-2 spots! WED,TH-BOOKED!
- Mirka TU-2 spots!
- Daniel FRI-1 spot! WED, TH-BOOKED!

PIANO/VOICE

- Bonnie SAT-1 spot! MON,WED,TH-BOOKED!
- Rebecca TU-1 spot! MON,WED,TH,FRI-BOOKED!
- Meredith MON,TU-BOOKED!
- Jennifer MON-1 spot!
- Kathleen TU,WED-BOOKED!
- Meghan WED,TH,FRI,SAT-BOOKED!
- Katarina TU,WED,TH,SAT-BOOKED!
- Carolyn MON,TU,WED,FRI,SAT-BOOKED!
- Autumn TU,TH,SAT-BOOKED!
- Joy MON,WED-1 spot!
- Yulene SAT-2 spots!
- Amy MON,TU,TH,FRI-BOOKED!
- Jessica TU,WED-BOOKED!
- Bethany TU,WED,TH,FRI,SAT-BOOKED!
- Jacob SAT-2 spots!
- Maggie FRI-BOOKED!
- Katherine TH-BOOKED! SAT-2 spots!

VIOLIN/VIOLA/CELLO

- Denise MON,TU,WED,TH,FRI-BOOKED!
- Vanya MON,FRI,SAT-1 spot! WED-BOOKED!
- Gabriel MON-1 spot!
- Kate MON-1 spot!
- Simona MON,WED,TH-2 spots! SAT-1 spot!
- Lee FRI 2 spots! TH-2 spots!
- Danielle TU-BOOKED!

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Pictured above - Exploring the keyboard during Preschool Music class!

June Edition:

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Welcome to Our New Students who began this May (cont'd)!

Ryan W. (thanks to Carolyn R.), Rylie L., Rylie W., Sarah D., Seth M., Sincere S., Theo B., Tony V., Trey K., Wyatt T.

Happy June Birthdays!

(Students) Abby P. (10), Akshita S. (8), Alaina G. (7), Alex M. (15), Alexander F. (12), Alicia M. (13), Alyson V. (17), Amber W. (13), Ana Maria M. (13), Andrew T. (6), Ariel H. (10), Ata-Han E. (10), Berlinda G. (10), Blair F. (12), Brady L. (10), Brandon G. (13), Brittany E. (12), Brookelyn D. (12), Carrie S. (9), Cecilia F. (15), Charlie H. (12), Chase K. (5), Chloe C. (12), Chris M., Christian S. (8), Christian B. (15), Corteiona W., Dane D. (8), Davis C. (9), Delaney B. (14), Delaney G. (8), Dominic G. (8), Elizabeth D., Emily J. (10), Erica B. (16), Hailey C. (6), Haley M. (8), Heather T. (16), Heidi L., Isaack G. (9), Isabella B. (10), Joel R. (12), John B., John D. (12), Joshua P. (10), Kamiya C. (7), Kennon R. (7), Laci V. (11), Ladadriel E., Lauren C. (9), Lauryn R. (10), Lila C., Luke B. (10), Luke T. (11), Maddox Jacob T. (10), Madison L. (13), Mae K. (4), Margaux K. (7), Maria N. (11), Matthew K. (8), Michael Austin V. (15), Mischa B. (8), Myles T. (6), Neveenh V. (3), Noah M. (11), Noah L. (7), Olivia G. (14), Payton B. (16), Rishab P. (8), Samantha J. (9), Sarah S. (6), Sarah A. (9), Sarah S. (6), Seth S. (11), Spencer F. (6), Starr M. (16), Tamar H. (17), Tate P. (6), Trey C. (15), Victoria M., Wesley H. (15), William H. (5), Zachary M. (11).

(Faculty) Maggie Probst, Wanda Cullen, Jennifer White, Denise Bonis, Daniel Campbell, Diana Trimble

Now Enrolling for Summer Lessons & Camps!

See inside for complete information on our upcoming Summer Camps held for three weeks this July! Our camps are a great way to get started in music and dance and offer campers the opportunity to choose from and experience our wide variety of performing arts programs.

Reserve your spot today by calling 504-208-2301 or enroll at laapa.com!